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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Cancelled) A titanium dioxide pigment comprising an anatase type crystal in an amount of 98-100% and said pigment being particles having an average particle diameter in the range of 0.2-0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  and a whiteness in the range of 95-97 in terms of L value of linseed oil.

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Claim 2. (Cancelled) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 1 which contains 50-100% by weight of particles having a particle diameter in the range of 0.2-0.4  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 3. (Cancelled) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 1 which contains sulfate group wherein the content of the sulfate group is not more than 0.1% by weight calculated as  $\text{SO}_4$ .

Claim 4. (Cancelled) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 1, wherein the surface of said particles is coated with at least one compound selected from an inorganic compound and an organic compound.

Claim 5. (Cancelled) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 4, wherein the inorganic compound is at least one compound selected from aluminum compound, silicon compound, zirconium compound, tin compound, titanium compound and